



# MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

## MEETING AGENDA

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Montana Department of Livestock Board Room #319/302 N Roberts/Helena, MT  
April 21, 2026

**(This meeting is open to the public and is also available by ZOOM)**

*Agenda items may vary as much as one hour earlier or later. Items may be added or deleted up to 48 hours prior to the meeting. Look for changes at [www.liv.mt.gov](http://www.liv.mt.gov)*

**8:00 AM**      **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**8:10 AM**      **BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

- February 27, 2026 BOL Meeting

**8:15 AM**      **EXECUTIVE OFFICE UPDATES**

**Executive Officer Performance Evaluation (Executive Session)**

**Executive Planning Process Approvals**

- Review and Act on Agency Legislative and Budget Items for Submission to Governor's Office for the 2027 Legislative Session

**10:15 AM**      **RECESS**

**10:30 AM**      **EXECUTIVE OFFICE UPDATES (Continued)**

**Executive Officer Updates**

- Special Presentation
- YNP Bison/EIS/IBMP Operations Update
- VDL Moving, Contracting and Cost Allocation Update

**Human Resources Update**

- Staff Openings and Recruitment Updates
- General Updates

**Legal Counsel Update (May Require Executive Session)**

- Update on Conversations with Rocky Vista Veterinary University

**11:30 AM**      **LUNCH**



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**12:15 PM**     **CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS**

**12:15 PM**     **Fiscal Bureau**

- Aerial Hunting
- Per Capita Fee Collections Update
- March 31, 2026 State Special Revenue Report
- April 2026 through June 2026 Budget Projections Report
- March 31, 2026 Budget Comparison Report

**1:00 PM**     **PREDATOR CONTROL**

**Update on Activities of USDA Wildlife Services (Presented by Dalin Tidwell, Montana State Director)**

**Livestock Loss Board Report to the BOL**

**1:30 PM**     **ANIMAL HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIVISION REPORTS**

**1:30 PM**     **Meat, Milk & Egg Inspection Bureau**

- Out-of-State Travel Requests
  - National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Conference
  - National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials (NADRO) Conference

**1:50 PM**     **Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**

- Upcoming Lab Equipment Purchases
- New Lab Moving Plan Discussion
- Proposed NAHLN Financial Plan Items for Next Grant Cycle
- Out-of-State Travel Request
  - National Poultry Improvement Plan Salmonella Workshop

**2:15 PM**     **RECESS**

**2:30 PM**     **Animal Health Bureau**

- Program Updates
  - USDA Agriculture Research Service (ARS) Brucellosis Research Priorities Update
  - Brucellosis Research and Ungulate Health (BRUH) Updates



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--Wyoming Upcoming Brucellosis Vaccination and Risk Period  
Rule Change

--ADT Tag Distribution Updates

- Out-of-State Travel Requests
  - National Poultry Improvement Plan Meeting
  - International Mortality Management Symposium

**3:15 PM      BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

**Brands Enforcement Division Update**

- Market and Dealer Licensing
- ServiceNow
- Google
- Blackfeet Land Department

**4:00 PM      COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA  
ITEMS/COMMENTS FROM PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS**

**4:15 PM      SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**4:30 PM      ADJOURN**